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Closeup

Former spy gets smart on the job

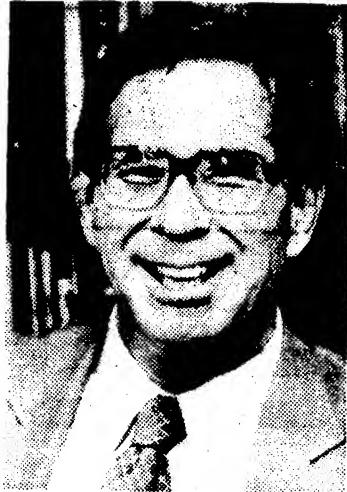
David J. Weigle doesn't think of himself the area's James Bond.

But he admits his 24-year career with the Central Intelligence Agency conjures such images. "I think there is a general interest in the CIA because people have

conceptions of it — anything from James Bond to Get Smart.

It's probably somewhere in between," Weigle said. Though

Weigle set aside his CIA connections 12 years ago, he still has strong feelings about the need for accurate intelligence gathering. "If you're armed with the truth about a situation, it can prevent the country from getting involved in a situation that can be very costly." Weigle's career started when he was selected as a special agent with the Manhattan Project, which led to development of the first atomic bomb. After earning a degree in geology, he went to work with the CIA. Weigle spent 12 years in Europe, South America and Asia, a portion of that time in "black box" or covert operations. He's also been a security advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and director of security analysis for ETA Engineering. Weigle, 62, formed Integrity Associates in



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1981, operating the consulting firm from his house in Mount

Prospect. His business got a boost when Weigle's son, John, joined Integrity Associates in 1984 after graduating from Yale University. Among Weigle's clients are Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois Power Co. and G.D. Searle Co.

"I have a lot of diverse experience, but it all seems to have some use in security later on," he said. His job is problem solving he said. "I see if there are any vulnerabilities and plug those up in a preventative measure. The market is tight and losses could be critical to their (corporation's) survival.

You need to make recommendations that are reasonable, so you're not installing a police state. The most secure plant would be one that closes the doors and goes out of business. You don't want to spend \$1 million solving a \$1,000 problem."

— Andrea Downing-Peck